

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

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This legislation makes two changes relating to candidate filings. First, it requires that write-in candidates for the position of United States President must provide their Vice-Presidential selection and their Presidential Electors for the State of Idaho at the time they file their declaration of candidacy as a write-in candidate. This information is already required for all Presidential candidates whose names appear on the ballot, and would be necessary to execute on the election results, should such a write-in candidate win.

Second, it clarifies that the petition for independent candidates for all partisan offices will be on forms prescribed by the Secretary of State, modelled on the format used for recall petitions.

FISCAL NOTE

This legislation may result in fewer filings by write-in candidates for the position of United States President, which would save time, although not quantifiable dollars, for the counties that must count any write-in votes validly cast for such candidates, and the Secretary of State's office that must process the declaration filings.

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